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In re Application of:)
MASANORI WAKAI, et al.) : Examiner: Tan D. Nguyen
Application No.: 10/023,871) : Art Unit: 3689
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:)
For: APPROVAL SYSTEM)
APPARATUS FOR EXECUTING :
PROCESS FOR APPROVAL)
REQUEST AND METHOD :
THEREFOR) : January 24, 2011

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STATEMENT OF SUBSTANCE OF INTERVIEW

Sir:

Applicants wish to thank the Examiner for the courtesies extended to
Applicants' undersigned representative during the telephonic interview conducted on
January 6, 2011.

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During the interview, Applicants' representative discussed the December 6, 2010 Amendment Submitted With RCE, and how the rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) are seen to be overcome by the amended claims and remarks contained therein.

The Examiner tentatively agreed that the art of record does not disclose or suggest all of the features of the claims as amended in the December 6, 2010 Amendment. However, the Examiner indicated that he would need to perform an updated search before he would agree that the claims are allowable.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Costa Mesa, CA office at (714) 540-8700. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our below-listed address.

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